



The Crusader

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Padre Golf & Tennis tourney "returns" May 16th

Mark the calendar, May 16, 2005 is the day. California Country Club in Whittier is the place. Lunch at 11:30 am, followed by THE PUTTING CONTEST, and followed by a 1 pm tee off. This year, two flights, Handicap and Scramble. There will be two complete sets of prizes. In addition, there will be a ladies flight. You don't have to be a 10 handicapper to win and have fun. There will also be a \$10,000 Hole in One prize. (it has been won twice) We're limited to 144 golfers but an unlimited group of tennis players can join.

Tom Forgue '60 is this year's Chairman. His committee is now being formed and if you are interested in being on it, please call **Tom at 714-778-5555**. There will be prizes galore for both the players, and also for the dinner guests. If you are unable to be in the Tournament, come to dinner at the Club. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 pm. You can't get a better meal and meet with your schoolmates for \$50.

The theme this year is to return to the name of Padre Golf and to have at least one foursome from each class, in addition to the family foursomes (the Lopez's are tough to beat) that play each year. It's time to get on the phone and get your groups together. We can also place you with others from your class. We will assure you of one thing; **a blast!**

Over the years, the Tournament has been famous for the tee prizes that each golfer and tennis player receives and this year will be no exception. As this is a major event of the Alumni Foundation we ask for your generous support.

The first golf committee meeting will be held at Mimi's Café at the corner of Garden Grove Blvd. and Beach at 11:30 am on Wednesday Feb. 16., and is open to anyone who wants to help. If you can be involved, call Tom and tell

St. Raphael School names Our Lady of Mount Carmel Center

St. Raphael School and alumni from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School share a tradition of support and cooperation. Thanks to a generous grant from the Shea Foundation, St. Raphael will open a new building to house the Kindergarten, provide much needed office and meeting space, and provide space for the new Pre-K class starting in September 2005.

In honor of the relationship between St. Raphael School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the new center will be

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him you will be there. Any help would be appreciated..

Over the years, the help to make Padre Golf a success has come from all over. For example, last year Carl Aleccia, a graduate of Washington High '47, who is in the produce and fruit business sent apples, oranges and bananas for the players. What was left over went to the kids at St. Raphael's. (Thank you Carl). Ray Wolfe ND '58 a Board member has obtained airline trips with Delta, golf balls from GM and Direct TV. We need beer and sodas and bottle water. If you can help, please call.

Finally, our official photographer, George Carrillo, needs an assistant, as all golfers and tennis players will be photographed. We are looking forward to a successful event.

FOUNDATION BOARD NOW 10 MEMBERS STRONG

On Sunday, Jan. 16 the Mt Carmel Alumni Foundation held its first 2005 meeting. The new members on the Board, who will serve for 3 years, include Lance Williams '65, Chris Herrera '66, and George Guzman '63. They will join Al Alessandra '54, Tom Baumgartner '50, Jim Clark '48, Al Prukop '57, Steve Olowiany '50, Ray Wolfe ND '58, and Kay Felix St. Mary's Academy '44.

The two main events for the year will be the Golf and Tennis Tournament to be held on May 16, at the California Country Club and the All Class Reunion at the Phoenix Club on September 17. Last year, 530 alumni and guests attended dinner. Everyone's still talking about it.

These two events, along with the associated raffles, and your donations provide us with the monies that we give to the schools and the Carmelite Orders. This past year we gave away more than \$40,000. Your donations go a long way. As you know the Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation is a tax-exempt public organization. The only expenses we have are publishing the Crusader, and some secretarial fees. We pay no rent for space, no phone, and have no inventory (except for the 14 stadium blankets left from last year's Golf Tournament).

"Think about this. We have 2500 names of alumni. If each made a donation of at least \$25 along with the earnings from the raffles and events we would be giving away over \$100,000," stated Alessandra. "We want your help."

The purpose of the Mount Carmel Alumni Foundation is to provide financial assistance to the Carmelite Community and to elementary schools in the Los Angeles area that have provided our alumni with an excellent education. MCAF publishes the Crusader newsletter and assists in regular event planning for the information and fellowship of Mt. Carmel alumni.

Letters from Your classmates



Tom,

Your many years of dedication to the alumni is greatly appreciated. Hope someone as dedicated and reliable as you comes along to take on the awesome responsibility.

As time goes on it becomes more and more difficult to read the "Classmates Pass On" section. Its balanced with the letters from grads who are doing so well in life.

Is the Class of '57 planning a 50th? Maybe someone or ones will come forward. They can reach me at my new email address, richnol@sbcglobal.net .

Tony Nolan, '57

After 50 years Sam Migliazzo and I made contact. Sam is now retired and is telling me to entertain the same idea. We meet for lunch periodically and I didn't realize how engaging a guy he is. However, I must bring out a source of resentment that exists between us based upon his statement: "Mark, in high school you were nothing but a nerd", (he was right). He has since reclassified me - classification has not yet really been communicated, I did receive and "e-mail" from him, which announced my shedding my nerd status.

From: AMIG1950@aol.com

To: Jrbutier@butier.com

Sent: Tuesday November 16, 2004

Subject: **Nerd No More**

Hi Mark Sr.,

I just read the latest Crusader and you received some long over due credit for your basketball at Santa Clara. Congratulations. Hope all goes well - respond to my "e-mail" if you know how Ciao - Sam Migliazzo

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In December, Bob Moneymaker sent to Tom Baumgartner:

From: " Jim S" <Jimatcf@copper.net>

To: rmnymkr@omni.sparks.nv.us

Subject: What happened to Mt. Carmel ?

I just watched a DVD called " Rock and Roll High School " that shows Mount Carmel going up in flames. The movie was made in 1978 and featured the Ramones.

Jim Sehr 53

Hi fellow Crusaders,

The main school building was used in a film. Some of the background as I understand it. After MC closed in 1976 due to lack of enrollment and the financial ability to keep it open, the City of LA acquired the property for use as a park. The main school building was determined to not be useful as a park facility. The gymnasium and single story classrooms along 70th Street were incorporated into the park. It is presumed that the City received enough money/goods from the film crew to offset demolition costs. The park is still serving the area as Mt. Carmel Park.

I learned this from John Maya, Class of 64 who is assembling a video documentary about the life of MCHS. Hope that this answers some of your questions.

Tom Baumgartner, Class of '50

Editor's note: Bob, also out of class of '50, has maintained a web site for Carmel guys for years, and now we have two ways to stay in touch (see back page).

Mark M Butier

Class of '47

Thanks kindly for "The Crusader" - always welcome. AND my daughter Carolyn Nielsen and I had great time at annual dinner, great guys and ladies , we were at the Class of '40 table. Everything wonderful. Sending health and happiness, God bless.

John Murray

Just a short note to say thanks for Crusader, hearing about former classmates and activities. Really great, keep up the good work.

Joseph Zobuska, '52

Enclosed is \$100 matching fund check and \$50 for renewal for foundation. I look forward to being more involved in alumni affairs into the future.

These memory floggers about our sports greats remind me of my "story:"

When a junior I went out for basketball and at the last team scrimmage prior to regular season I had to guard our starting senior, Pat Smith. We got tangled in the air as I tried (unsuccessfully) to block his shot and I broke my wrist as I hit the floor. That was the end of my imagined "athletic career," but was one of those incidents in your life when you start thinking of options and directions.

Ironically and tragically, I believe it was my information that Pat Smith drowned at the beach the summer following his graduation. I experienced extra sorrow because of what I felt was a connection in our lives.

I recently retired from Franklin Resources, the holding company of Franklin Templeton Mutual Funds. I was one of those LMU and Loyola Law grads,

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Crusader seeks new blood....

An excellent executive position is open for an alumnus with the Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation as editor of the Crusader. Publishing experience will help, especially having had experience with the Crusader while you "attended" high school. The pay is called Psychic Income (none), but the recognition is fantastic. The only reason that this position is open is that Tom Pinard is "over the hill" and unable to perform the task that a younger man can do (*Ed note: does the photo of me, right, with Joe Fashing and dates at the Carmel prom in '55, "styling at the Cocoanut Grove" look like I'm over the hill??*). "Seriously, Tom needs a break and will work with someone to transfer the reins as editor of the paper," says Al Alessandra. Call Al at 760-776-4810 or Tom at 760-408-2614 for more details. We have an excellent printer and mailing service. You need only to put the paper together and they will do the rest.

More memories of Carmel sports.....

From John Martin, '65, came a well put together story on "Mt. Carmel Youngsters," alumni who did their families and their school proud. His thoughts:

Someone asked in the last Crusader if any Crusaders did anything special in track and field after leaving Mt. Carmel. Kermit Alexander, '59, was the NCAA Triple Jump Champion at UCLA in 1963 before he began his NFL career.

Now that "Crusader Sons" from the 60s and 70s are joining the MCAF, lets recall a few highlights from the non-championship lean years. Mike Arnone, '60, quarterbacked Cal Poly Pomona when something absolutely unique in sports history happened in the fall of 1962. I believe it was the Examiner that honored sports figures weekly. The professional player of the week was Marlin McKeever, '57, with the Rams. The university player was Kermit Alexander, '59, of UCLA and the collegian player was Mike Arnone, '60, of Cal Poly Pomona. I doubt if that has ever happened before or since in any sports market.

John Fashing, '61, won a scholarship to UCLA for his O-line talents. Jerry Kelly '63, was All Catholic center who went on to that small school in the Midwest, Notre Dame. He played center for the 1966 National Championship Fighting Irish team. He brought his "beautiful bride back from there and owns a large CPA firm in Orange County now.

Vince Janowitz, '64, won a scholarship to University of Washington as a defensive end. He's a sports trainer in Virginia now and looks 37, not 57.

Tom Williams, '64, had the misfortune of being a senior in a "rebuilding year." A younger quarterback would start the game, then Tom would bail the team out with a score, then the younger would come back in. Mt. Carmel was 0-8-1 that year. Tom believed he could play and followed Don Horn at Harbor JC (Don led Harbor to back to back undefeated seasons then continued at San Diego State where he led the Aztecs to two national division titles). Williams led Harbor to two more undefeated seasons and broke all of Horn's records. Don went on to Green Bay... Tom continued at San Diego State where he led the Aztecs to another national title his junior year and set a school passing record that stands today... six touchdown passes in a single game. Tom was 6'2", 220 pounds at Carmel and threw with both left and right arms. Guess someone picked the wrong year to rebuild.

Bob Zamona '64, continued his love of baseball at Chapman College with a National Division Title. Bob and his fellow Crusaders, James Chatman, '65, and Charlie Stone, '67, brought home that gold. All three would continue in the "Bigs." Bob went on to become one of the most respected coaches in the CIF, with teams at Capo Valley in Mission Viejo winning four CIF titles.

Ronnie Anderson, '64, went to the University of New Mexico on a swimming scholarship... the backstroker is teaching school. Michael Russell, '65, was a CIF finalist for four years on the Carmel swimming team. He went on to Stanford on a swimming/academic scholarship, then Yale Law, a real slacker.

Greg Williams, '65, was All-Catholic in football and baseball. At SC on football/academic scholarship, Greg was tailback behind a guy named Mike Garrett. Mike won the big trophy. After red shirting a year to study harder, the Trojans brought in another tailback named O.J. something. Armed with two degrees, Greg went onto success in film and commercials, including a CLOE Award for advertising design. He's doing very well.

Wayne and Ron Kobzeff, '65, were two more tough twins from Carmel. When offered a scholarship to Colorado State, Wayne said it was a team/brother effort. Colorado said yes, but the brothers wanted to be closer to their surf. Raul Sosa, '66, was All-Catholic as fullback and linebacker. He went onto LMU and Loyola Law. Tommy Williams, '66, turned down baseball signing bonus to attend Santa Clara. Larry

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DIDYAKNOW ?????

The Crusader and Mount Carmel High School are a source of fond memories. I was editor of The Crusader in 1947. I was also a member of the '47 CIF championship team. I would like to provide you with some of my recollections

MOUNT CARMEL'S 1947 TEAM

The five-team members who were responsible for basketball recognition and brought fame to MCHS was the first string:

Mickey Mount - Center 6'-4" He was the team's leading scorer, "CIF Player of the Year" scoring 454 points for the season with a Kareem Jabbar style hook, that could not be defended at the high school level. He was an outstanding rebounder to go along with his overpowering offensive skills and one of the most competitive ball players, college or high school that I have observed. An angry Mount was something to behold. In addition to his "CIF Player of the Year" he was either MVP in all the tournaments we played or first string All Tournament. No basketball player up to that time dominated the basketball scene including the City and the CIF, like Mount did. It was a memorable athletic achievement.

Gene Dykes - Center 6'-2" - Marty Martinelli utilized the double post offense. Mickey and Gene both played facing away from the basket at low post. Gene's game was complimentary to Mickey's and their teamwork was seamless in exploiting the other team's inability dealing with this tandem. Defensive and offensive rebounds was his specialty and in conjunction with Mickey's offensive skills were just too much for the level of skill of the opposition. They dominated the scoring. Dykes had the physical maturity of a 21-year-old

Jack Putney - Guard Captain of team 5'-6" - Jack was the captain of the team, the floor leader and today would be a point guard. He was also the team leader and was able to control Mickey's temperamental outbursts keeping him from getting thrown out of games. His dribbling skills were amazing - Bob Cousy style. He had full court vision and was the initiator of fast breaks. Putney was also a crunch time shooter with his ability to penetrate, get the open shot or dish to Dykes or Mount. He was difficult to defend because of his speed.

Jack Brennan - Guard 5'-10" - Jack Putney and Jack Brennan were both very skillful in responding to various defenses set up to try to defend against this team. If there were a 3-point line then, he would have been the 3-point shooter. He was good at > opening up the floor on pressure defenses and was responsible for a number of buzzer beater shots from long range, which carried the team in some close wins under pressure. Jack was unflappable and did not turn the ball over. He was usually the guy who triggered come from behind wins. He was fun to be around and still is today.

Ed Kennedy - 5'-8" - Ed was the finest example of a player who made the other players better. He was not the first option on offense. He was however the steadiest and most error free consistent player on the team. He had great defensive skills and generally guarded the opponents high scorer. He probably led the team on assists and was very humble when his basketball performances were reported in the newspapers, very humble and a gentleman, and responds the same way today when these skills are mentioned.

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS: Mount CIF Player of the Year; Tournament and League Championship in Beverly Hills High, Redondo Beach High, Catholic League Tournament; Catholic League and CIF Championships

INDIVIDUAL HONORS: Some of the team members were awarded either MVP or 1st string All Tournament for all tournaments in which we competed and several were 2nd string All CIF. I believe that no other Mt Carmel basketball team collectively received more individual honors than this 1947 team over a single season.

Mark M Butier, Class of '47

Editor's Note: As reported in the last Crusader, Mark went on to Santa Clara. His team DID beat UCLA and was in the Final

Letters from Your Classmates...



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married Marilu Peterson, a Mt Saint Mary's College grad, and for 47 years raised four sons, their wives, eight grandchildren and in retirement remain active in parish work in the San Francisco Bay area.

Jack Hitchcock
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Hi guys,

Here's my check for \$100 for alumni foundation and some extra for the good work you are doing — from my raffle winnings. Enjoy the Crusader and the news about all, some I know, some not.

Dr. John R. "Jack" Welsh, '49

Great newsletter,

Enclosed is a check to help out. Finally retired from Northrup/Grumman Corp after 34 years. It is time!! Looking forward to the reunion of the Class of '55.

Joe Voss, '55

Dear Mt. Carmel brothers,

Sorry I couldn't make the reunion but it sounds like it was a "blast."

I just received "The Crusader" and wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed reading it from cover to cover.

I am enclosing two checks, one for \$50 to continue my foundation membership and a second, for \$150 to pay for three of the Mt. Carmel stadium blankets. Two of them will make great Christmas gifts. One to my brother Dave Marsolois, '66, and the other to my mom, who put both of us through Mt. Carmel at great family sacrifice.

Just a thought for a future reunion — I bet that there are more than a few grads who teach or work as educators. September is an impossible time to get off. Please consider a date sometime between mid-June and mid-August.

Thanks to all the older grads who have made this all work AND especially for inviting the "rest of us" to participate in your good works.

Don Marsolois, '65

Hello from an almost Carmel grad ('57) who at least attended from the fall of 1953 through June of '56. Enclosed find three checks for a stadium blanket,

Classmates Pass On

Father Matthew Michael Sprouffske

O. Carm. Born Jan. 23, 1927 and died Jan. 19, 2005. Father Matthew grew up in south west Los Angeles. After Catholic elementary school he entered Mount Carmel High School. On his graduation in 1944 he enlisted in the United States Navy. In 1948 he entered the New York Carmelite Province and began his studies. In Sept. 1951 he made his first vows, and three years later made his solemn vows. His Theology studies were conducted in Rome at the Collegio Saint Alberto. He was ordained a priest at Aylesford Priory in Kent, England on July 18, 1954. His first assignment was as a teacher at his Alma Mater, Mt. Carmel.

In 1961 Fr. Matthew joined Father Augustine Carter in the opening of Crespi High School in Encino. In 1968 he returned to Mount Carmel as a teacher, counselor and principal. In 1975 he established and directed Mount Carmel's first real fund-raising program.

After the closing of Mt. Carmel in June 1976, he devoted himself to becoming a certified Montessori teacher. He then opened a Montessori school for youngsters at St. Albert the Great in Compton. In 1980 he became pastor of St. Raphael's in south L.A. He held this position for nine years.

He went on to be the Chaplain of the Aids Hospice in Elysian Park as well as doing outreach in the skid row of downtown, Los Angeles. He then became the chaplain of the Brothers of St. John of God as well as volunteering as chaplain at both Flintridge Academy in La Canada and at Sacred Heart High School in East Los Angeles.

In July of 2004 he was treated for can-

money for the MCAF, and \$100 for matching funds to go to St. Columkille School, on 64th St. in Los Angeles.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Richard F. Cesaroni, '57
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Editor's Note: My fellow "almost grad" should understand that we are just the few that got everything we could out of three years at 71st and Hoover. At this point in our lives..... We are all Carmel Alumni.

cer of the esophagus which later spread to his liver. He had spent more than six months in treatment. During this time he displayed an extraordinary sense of acceptance and serenity. On Wednesday January 19, with his relatives and friends around him he went to his eternal reward. He is survived by Sister Mary Ellen Sprouffske C.S.J.; Pauline Spouffske and brother Bob Sprouffske as well as two nieces and three nephews. Mass was celebrated Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at 2:30 P.M. at St. Raphael's Church, 942 West 70th Street, Los Angeles. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City.

Herman "Red" Blotzer, class of 55 or 56. This is to inform you of the passing of "Red" in July. He died of lung cancer 33 days after being diagnosed. Red leaves wife Kennette and 14 year old daughter, Sarah. He is survived by 4 sisters, many nieces and nephews. Red left the LA area in 1990 after retired from "Ma Bell". He retired again from MCI World Com in 1998 and worked for McKenzie Fire and Rescue in Walterville, Oregon. Red was voted Volunteer of the Year, 5 years in a row for his good deeds with the fire department. A fellow firefighter said, "You couldn't out give Red.".

Joseph Paul Chavez. It was reported this past year that this alumni passed away. No additional information was available.

John Voss, class of '54, lived in Big Bear Lake for the past 40 years. He passed away in January of 1998.

Local priory seeks funds

Mount Carmel Priory is located near Crespi High School. The top floors are being used to take care of the elderly priests, one of whom is our own Gus Carter. Half of the Province is over age 65 so more priests will be using the facility, according to Joe Nally.. There is no elevator and they need one badly. It is a \$95,000 project.

Others are trying to help. For more information, please call Father Tom Schroeder at 818/371-8261. You can send your donation to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory at: 4966 Alonzo Avenue

More memories of Carmel sports.....

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Collins, '66, attended U. of Nebraska on basketball scholarship. Harry Swintek, '67, loved baseball. I watched him grow up, wearing a baseball cap, mitt hanging from his handlebars, balancing a bat. At Carmel, Coach Larson had showed up to return Carmel's football team to glory. He told Harry that if he didn't play football, he couldn't go out for baseball. He made All-Catholic defensive back, went on to East L.A. College, made J.C. All American, continued at LMU, became an NAIA All American. I don't know what became of Harry's bat.

Hope my Crusader brothers from the late '60s forgive me, I know there were great ones on up the line. Uncle Sam had me "working out of town," back in those days. Perhaps another Crusader can pick up where I left off.

But let me end with a super athlete I watched grow up at St. Raphael's, Joe Hicks. Hicks, '69, arrived at Mt. Carmel after winning the Ford sponsored National Punt, Pass and Kick Contest during half time at the Orange Bowl. Joe received All-League honors in three sports, football, basketball and baseball. He was MVP of the Catholic Big Brother All-Star Football Game before entering San Jose State. The multi-talented Hicks played halfback, fullback, quarterback, tight end, defensive back as well as handling the punting and kickoffs during his career at San Jose. During his senior year he and his teammates beat the other school in the South San Francisco Bay area, Stanford, 7-6. The Indians (pre-political correct days) never started a drive from better than their own 20 yard line, Joe keeping them pinned all day with his kick-offs and punts. The Indians went on to win the Rose Bowl with their quarterback named Jim Plunkett. Joe was drafted by the NFL and would have been the NFL's first black punter. However, he was burned out on football and decided to join the Santa Clara Sheriff Department, retiring recently after 30 years.



Father Albert Daly Memorial Red Barn was dedicated shortly after Fr. Albert passed away in April 2004. On the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, NY, the barn, even in disrepair while Fr. Albert was headmaster, was his favorite as it dates back to the 1800s. He used to mention that the barn was the only thing older than he.

1954 CLASS REUNION

On Saturday, July 24 the 1954 Mt. Carmel class held their 50th class reunion. To say that it was a blast, would be the understatement of the year. Attending were Al and Marilee Alessandra, Bob Ambrose, Ernie Becker, Jerry and Diane Bieber, Don Brigante, Jerry Briggs, Sonny Cardone, John and Bernadette Flanary, Don and Carol Juge, Bill Keegan, Bill and Marge Kueneman, Mike and Carol McCann, Richard and Stella Rodriguez, Richard and Pam Tetreault, Paul and Shirley Wimer, Randy Jean, George and Sue Vowles, Anthony and Anita Dolce, John Little, Javier and Terry Campa, Jim Jamison, Raul and Sue Flores, Roger and



CLASS OF 48 & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Every year this auspicious group of Mt. Carmel graduates holds a Christmastime luncheon. It normally starts at 11:30 am at the San Franciscan Restaurant and Bar in Torrance, under the direction of John Keenan '48. Lunch is usually over about 2 pm; however conversations have in the past gone on way into the night. Under California Law, the Bar must close at 2 am.

It's held each year on the second Tuesday in December. Attending this year from the '48 class were Vince Bennett, John Bruchle, Bill Buckley, Phil Calentino, Willis Delperdang, Arthur Feary, Donald Foxen, James Haire, Al Hurtado, Donald LaCaze, Charles Lopez, Earl Martin, Richard McCann, Robert Moss, Robert Moss, Howard Palmquist, George Pilon, Joseph Regan, and Leroy Vollmer. Also attending was John Gogian '47, Tom Kelly and Harry Carter '49 and Al Alessandra '54. If I had only recorded these guys singing the Carmel Fight song to play at the All Class Reunion. Oh well!!!

Raquel Garcia, Jim Baumgartner, Jim Kirk, Don and Paula Dandurand, Manuel and Eleanor Moreno, John Kelly, Raul and Gloria Alvarez, Domingo and Maria Caballero, Mike Cardamone, Jerry Jarcy, Wally Jaquette and Doug Orcutt. You could feel the warmth and friendliness. The feeling was that it had been too long since this group was together. It was decided not to wait ten years to do it again.

**The Mt. Carmel Alumni Foundation is looking for support for their worthwhile charitable work
Send \$25 or more for your continuing support and membership!!!**

Name: _____ Class _____

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City: _____, St: _____ Zip: _____

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Send your check \$_____ to Mt Carmel Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 4551, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
... and if you really want to be involved.... Volunteer for one of the many worthwhile committees, designed to help you!!

Mt. Carmel's class of '55 plans Reunion at Ft MacArthur in October

Sunday evening, October 2nd, 2005, the Class of '55, their friends, guests and spouses, will assemble at the Officer's Club at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, for an evening of memory sharing, dinner and reconnecting with our youth.

The committee of Ken Poole, Dick Lujan and Cal Calentino accepted the task of locating the Crusaders of fifty years past. With the aid of today's modern software, current addresses were relatively easy to obtain; however, there remains 8 hard cases that stubbornly remain under the radar.

Part of the problem encountered had to do with name changes : George became Vern - - John became Jack - - Jack became John - - Peezze became Bob - - MoMo became Leo - - Buddy had become Anthony - - and Buddy also became Charles - -and on and on. Some how, over the past five decades, nicknames and monikers of youth had disappeared.

Bighead Kelly for example. His name was Bighead for obvious reasons. Do you remember Bighead Kelly? Cal Calentino does, mostly from Manchester Park. "I don't think his stay at 71st and Hoover lasted very long. Bighead sat next to me in Fr. Mooney's religion class; and, I guess I was the closest thing to a friend that he had at Carmel. I called Bighead Kelly's house one day and Mrs. Kelly answered; I asked to speak to Bighead, and she advised that Bighead wasn't home. I guess his mother called him Bighead too. In those days we never thought anything of it," said Cal.

Well, here is a list of eight "Bigheads" we can't seem to locate. If you have a good, current address or phone number for any of the following, let one of the three committeemen know :

John Coates

Ross P. Cote

MCAF website up and running

It's new, it's ours, and it will grow and grow. To access the website go to www.mountcarmelcrusader.org Due to the "many Mount Carmels around the country, ours is set up this way.

In coming months you will be able to go to an events page and a class year page. The Crusader will be online, including back issues through its 13 years of publication.

To add information use info@mountcarmelcrusader.org We will not have a chat room, as privacy is most important. At any rate, go online and take a look. Hope you like it.

St. Raphael names Mount Carmel Center

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named the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Center.

"It is right that we celebrate our relationship with the neighborhood and Mount Carmel," says Principal Barbara Curtis. "We are so grateful to the Shea Foundation for making it possible. The new center will strengthen the neighborhood and provide a special place for our students."

His Eminence Cardinal Roger Mahony will bless the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Center and celebrate a special Mass on Saturday, April 23 at the school.

For additional information about the Mass or to learn more about St. Raphael School and the Sponsor A Student program, please call Barbara Curtis at 323-751-2774.

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Wake Up the Echoes

... a Letter from Home

By Lance A. Williams, Ph.D.

Mount Carmel 1965 and

Member, MCHS Foundation Board of Directors

"Now, I live out in utopia, but I came from this area, and the answer is that the Catholic schools that we grew up attending preach non-violence". —Al Alessandra

The continuing efforts of the Catholic schools which we attended to serve as safe harbors in the mean streets of south Los Angeles is something very special and merits our continued support. The key to success is the recognition that thriving in today's urban academic climate is a matter of survival of the fittest: administrators are writing competitive grants, and they have become more sophisticated in selling the idea of preserving private, parochial school education in an ever-changing social environment.

Short of building a moat around the schools to shield kids from the myriad challenges that await them beyond the walls, the administrators have established a niche emphasizing the educational traditions that have made these school successful over the years: small class size, the insistence on both academic excellence and ethical behavior, the value of competition, and the preparation of youth for life-long learning.

The most successful of these administrators have applied modern tools to the needs of today's students. There are many computers in the classroom programs available to bridge today's "digital divide". There is the partnering of affluent benefactors with poor communities, the development of alumni support groups, the availability of corporate sponsorships for designated programs, private foundation support, and the continuous recognition that selling these programs to the larger world is integral to survival. Immigration is an ironic element in this assessment: the people who have settled in south Los Angeles are part of a good news, bad news scenario.

Beside the traditional Catholic population that has remained resident, the predominantly-Latino population influx provides a large pool of Catholics who are the core base of enrollees. That's the good news.

But these immigrants are also the group that is most frequently cited as having the greatest difficulties with literacy and language acquisition, and their families are most often cited as working poor by demographers and other trained observers of the urban condition.

What lies ahead? There are needs to improve the physical plants of many of these schools, increase involvement of alumni in the long-term development process, and build endowment funds that will sustain these schools far beyond any of our life times. There is plenty of work for anyone interested in lending a hand.